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Kenji Otsu

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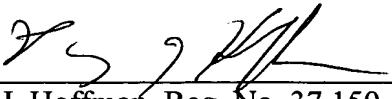
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated April 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit a copy of the Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119 and Submission of Certified Copy, originally filed on December 27, 2001, for your consideration. Also enclosed is a copy of the front page of the certified copy of the priority document JP 2000-401463 and a copy of the return receipt postcard showing receipt of our submission at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 27, 2001. This present submission should satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 119.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions remain.

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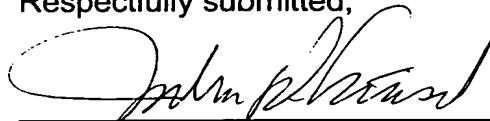
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A certified copy of each of corresponding Japanese Application No. 2000-401463, filed December 28, 2000, is attached.

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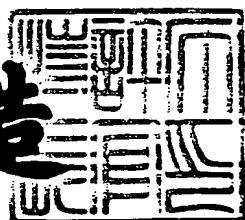
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